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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing for House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe

- 1. On 24 January 1985 at 1000 hours in room 2200, Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East was briefed on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Security was present and a transcript was taken. The briefing was
 - 2. Present from the Subcommittee were:

Lee H. Hamilton (D., IN), Chairman Larry Smith (D., FL) Harry M. Reid (D., NV) Ed Zschau (R., CA)

3. Present from the Subcommittee staff were:

Michael Van Dusen, Staff Director Christopher Kojm Everett Bierman, Minority Staff Director Richard Garron

4. Present from CIA were:

Douglas MacEachin

Director, Office of Soviet Analysis/DI
Chief, East European Division,
Office of European Analysis/DI
Chief, Policy Analysis Division,
Office of Soviet Analysis/DI
Chief, Soviet Economy Division
Office of Soviet Analysis
Deputy Chief, Liaison Division, OLL

5. Mr. MacEachin and presented overviews of their respective areas, text attached. Each Member was also given a package of graphics to accompany the briefing, copies attached. The atmosphere was cordial and the Members were attentive and actively engaged in questioning. The briefing lasted about two hours, with the question and answer period consuming well over half of the time.

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9. There is no follow-up from the briefing. Mr. Van Dusen, the Subcommittee Staff Director, subsequently informed me that Chairman Hamilton had commented that he	
found the briefing unusually useful. He said, "Lee really learned a lot." I note that such a comment from staff is	
highly unusual	2.
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